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Subject: Sheepshead study

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Dear Sonya Davis,

I am writing in support of the current ODU sheepshead study from a recreational point of view. Although I am always hesitant to remove healthy fish from their environment for any reason, I realize an understanding of the biology and habits of this incredible fish is of utmost importance for future management of the fishery. I have decided to support this study by contributing numerous sheepshead specimens this summer. I have also publicized the study in my reports to local publications and to the IGFA.

Please make note that as the local International Game Fish Association representative, I fully lend my support for this graduate students' research work on game fish.

The IGFA promotes the conservation of our gamefish and responsible, ethical angling practices through science, education, regulation, and record keeping of our aquatic resources. It is hopeful that the ODU sheepshead study will lend information to assist in legislation for the good of the fishery as a whole.

Sincerely,
Dr. Julie H. Ball
Virginia Beach IGFA Representative

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